

Foster Care

What does this program do?

Provides funding for alternative living arrangements for children who are removed from their biological homes in order to protect them from abuse or neglect.

What is its statutory base?

State: RSMo 210.992, 211.031, 453.315

Is this a federally mandated program?

Yes.

What is the funding?

State Fiscal Year	General Revenue	Federal	Other	Total
2001	\$28.2 mil	\$11.7 mil	\$0	\$39.9 mil
2002	\$28.2 mil	\$11.7 mil	\$0	\$39.9 mil
2003	\$27.2 mil	\$11.2 mil	\$0	\$38.4 mil
2004	\$27.2 mil	\$16.8 mil	\$0	\$44.0 mil*

*Includes \$5.0 million for Targeted Case Management.

What are the sources of the non-general revenue funds?

IV-E Federal Funds

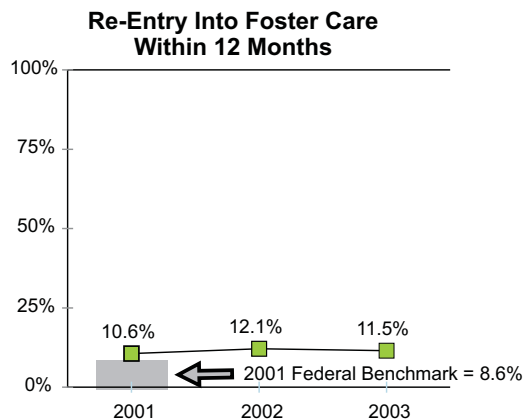
Who is eligible?

Children in the care and custody of the Children's Division.

How many children are in foster care?

Number of Children Served Throughout the Year		Point in Time Number of Children Served	
SFY-2000	18,019	June 30, 2000	12,041
SFY-2001	18,626	June 30, 2001	12,255
SFY-2002	18,959	June 30, 2002	12,470
SFY-2003	18,319	June 30, 2003	11,676

What percent of children re-enter foster care within 12 months?



*Missouri defines its foster care population as children in the legal custody of the Children's Division placed in alternative care. The federal definitions include the above but also children in the custody of other agencies, children in the temporary custody of adoptive families and children for whom we have supervision only.

Out of 50 states, Missouri ranks 20th lowest in re-entries into foster care within 12 months. Below is how Missouri compares to surrounding states.

